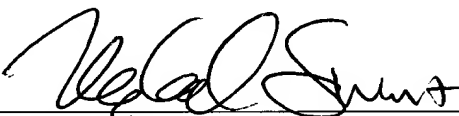


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is presented to place the application in proper form for examination and to eliminate multiple dependency from the present claims. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES

In the Claims:

4. A network element as claimed in claim 2 [or 3], wherein said network element is arranged to send a message to the end element indicating that said connection has been released.

9. A network element as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein said determining means determines that the connection is to be released if the connection has not been used for a predetermined time.

12. A network element as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

13. A network element as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

16. A network element as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

18. A network element as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

19. A network comprising a network element as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, an end station and an end element.

21. A network element as claimed in claim 19 [claims 19 or 20], wherein said end element is SGSN.

22. A network as claimed in claim 19 [claims 19, 20 or 22], wherein said network operates in accordance with the UMTS Standard.